GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services –Works Accounts Department – Disciplinary Proceedings against Smt. V. Parvathi, the then Assistant Pay and Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram now Pay and Accounts Officer (Retd) – Allegations of irregularities in taking up repairs to the Minor Irrigation Tanks in East Godavari District - Charges framed – Inquiry Conducted - Further action Dropped - Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1738 **Dated: 20-07-2016**

Read the following:-

1. General Administration (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.111 (358/V&E/E1/2012), dt:30-09-2013.
2. G.O.Rt.No.82, Finance (WA-II) Department, dt:17-01-2014.
3. Written statement of Smt. V. Parvathi, PAO (Retd) on 27-05-2014 & 26-12-2014.
4. Lr.No.DWA/Hyd/Sn-I/EC.2/2015-16/70, dt:02-06-2015 of Director of Works Accounts, A.P. Hyderabad.
5. G.O.Rt.No.2776, Finance (Admn-II) Department, dt:12-11-2015.
6. JDWA, Dowlaiswaram Lr.No. JDWA/W&P/DWM/Sn.B/B1/2016-17/2C, dt: 16.04.2016.
7. Lr.No.DWA/Hyd/Sn-I/EC.2/2015-16/22, dt:26-04-2016 of Director of Works Accounts, A.P. Hyderabad.

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In the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (V&E) Department have recommended to initiate Departmental Action against Smt. V. Parvathi, Assistant Pay & Accounts Officer, Dowlaiswaram.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government have framed the following Article of Charges against Smt. V.Parvathi, Pay and Accounts Officer (Retd).

Charge:

That the said Smt V.Parvathi while working as APAO, Dowlaiswaram has made payment of work bills of repairs to the Minor Irrigation Tanks in East Godavari District for the following Works:

1. ***Mulagadavari Tank of Kotikesavaram (V) in Korukonda (M) of East Godavari District.***

2. ***Kuramanna Tank of Srirangapatnam (V) in Korukonda (M) of East Godavari District.***

3. ***Pick- up weir across Buarada Calva at Km 22.000 of Srirangapatnam (V) in Korkukonda (M) of East Godavari District and failed in her duties as follows:***

    i) Responsible for accepting the bills without proper and valid Quality Control Certificate.

    ii) For giving false statement that the Quality Control Certificates are enclosed with the bills received from the O/o the Executive Engineer, Godavari Central Division when the scrutiny slips of the work bills at division office clearly shows that the Quality Control Certificates are not enclosed.

This amounts to dereliction of duties and disobedience to the Government instructions. Thus she was violated Rule 3 (1) of A.P.C.S Conduct Rules 1964. **(PTO)**

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written defence statement wherein that Smt. V. Parvathi, the then APAO now PAO (Retd) has stated that charges framed against her were based on the Statements of DEE, EE and Sri P. Seshu Kumar, Sr. Asst., and are baseless and against to the principles of natural justice and also stated that in regarding to 1) **Responsible for accepting the bills without proper and valid Quality Control Certificates.** The APAO (W&P) will scrutinize the bills with reference to Rules and Government Orders in force and the documents made available to him/her along with the bill, but will not go to the level of signature verification of the officers who signed the documents the APAO (W&P) will have the specimen signatures of the DDO (bill passing authority) only, but not of the other officers functioning under the DDO (i.e., Signatures of DEE who issued the QC Certificates and etc.)

2) In this case the pertinent question is whether the Quality Control Certificates were received along with the bills or not. The Vigilance & Enforcement Department depends on the statement given by Sri P. Seshu Kumar, Sr. Assistant, O/o Godavari Central Division, Dowlaswaram wherein he has stated that the QC Certificates are not received. But, the Executive Engineer in his statement has not stated that QC Certificates were not submitted along with the bill. Further, the V&E Department have enclosed the division office note file as supporting document which are not furnished to APAO Office for audit, since they are Division Office records. According to the statement of the APAO (W&P) the QC Certificates are received along with the bills and requested the Government to drop further action against her.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Director of Works Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has submitted the charged officer written statement of defence and stated that Since, the Drawing Officer, i.e., Executive Engineer passed the bill, signed the check slip sent to APAO Office, never stated that QC Certificates are not submitted and cheques were transmitted to contractor through Drawing Officer i.e., Executive Engineer, the APAO (W&P) has no reason to suspect the bonafides of the documents received along with bill. Therefore, the APAO is not fault in making payments and therefore the charges against the APAO may be dropped.

5. Government disagree with the request of the charged officer and in the reference 5th read above, hereby appoint Sri P. Gangadhara Rao, JDWA, Dowlaiswaram as Inquiry Authority and Sri P. Krishna Mohan, APAO, Dowlaiswaram as Presenting Officer to enquire into the charges framed against Smt.V.Parvathi, APAO, Dowlaiswaram and now PAO (Retd).

6. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Officer while submitting the report and in their report the inquiry officer has stated that the statement of the Sr. Assistant or the scrutiny slips in question cannot be taken as valid documents and it cannot withstand the veracity. Hence the part of the charge is not sustainable. Regarding second part of the charge "**For giving false statement that the Quality Control Certificates are enclosed with the bills received from the O/o Executive Engineer, Godavari Central Division, Dowlaiswaram when the scrutiny slips of the work bills at division office clearly shows that the Quality control certificates are not enclosed".** The Charged Official stated that in BMS Online scrutiny form, the DDO has to fill all the 34 items specifically mentioning whether the required records enclosed by "YES/NO/Not Applicable". But in bill detail scrutiny form (CD4 (a) to CD4 (e) no item was mentioned as "YES/NO/Not Applicable" but signed by DAO and Executive Engineer. That doesn't mean no records were submitted. She stated that all the records such as Estimates, Agreements, Quality Control Certificates etc., were received and payments were made. The charged official states that Q.C Certificates were received along with the bill but neither the Executive Engineer nor the Dy. Executive Engineer did not deny the statement of the APAO, Dowlaiswaram. Hence, there is no contradiction. **(Contd....P3)**

The statements furnished by EE and Dy. EE (CD2 and CD3) and no contradiction between the statements of EE & Dy. EE and with that of Charged Official is observed. Hence, there is no contradiction. Hence, Inquiry Officer find there is no case against the Charged Official.

Specifically, the charged against the Charged Officer is not proved.

7. In the reference 7th read above, the Director of Works Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has submitted the Inquiry Report to Government and stated that the charges against the charged officer is not held proved and also requested the Government to drop further action against Smt.V.Parvathi, the then APAO, Dowlaiswaram and now PAO (Retd) as the charge is not held proved.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter after following all due procedures, decided to drop further action against the Charged Officer Smt V. Parvathi, Pay and Accounts Officer (Retd) and hereby dropped.

9. The Director of Works Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUDDADA RAVI CHANDRA
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (EXPR)

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